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Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits and responsive to the final Office Action dated October 25, 2007, Applicants respectfully request examination of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A request for continued examination (RCE) is being filed concurrently with this submission. As the shortened statutory period for reply expires on January 25, 2008, this response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows.